

1998 CALIFORNIA QUICK COLLISION FACTS

During 1998, California had a total of 482,608 traffic collisions: 3,075 fatal, 189,007 injury and 290,526 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every 1 minute and 5 seconds.

One person was killed every 2 hours and 32 minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

One person was injured every 1 minute and 48 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 29.1% of pedestrian victims and 27.9% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 84 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 27.8% of the fatal and injury collisions.

Within the last five years, motorcyclist victims killed have decreased 31.3% from 291 in 1994 to 200 in 1998.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have decreased 28.3% and alcohol involved persons killed have decreased 28.0% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.9% were under 30 years of age; however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 34.7% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 9,683 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 115 persons was injured; and one out of every 59 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,075 fatal collisions, 3,459 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.19 persons killed and 100.07 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. (These are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates.)

Hit-and-run was indicated in 10.2% of the fatal and injury collisions.

California has not had a day without a fatality since May 1, 1991.